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1. Families of members of the crew of the tanker PRACA, who did not return to Poland, were moved from the frontier zone beginning 16 August 1954. The evicted families were given two weeks notice to settle their affairs and find new places to live.
2. The most badly treated were the families of the master and first engineer. The master's wife was ordered to work and reside in Kwidzyn, and the wife of the first engineer in Starogard, which was later changed to Czestochowa. Moreover, these families were given only one week's notice. 25X1
3. The wife of the first engineer, upon her return from a sanatorium, was interrogated by the local UB (Security Police) chief from 1100 to 1700 hours. During the interrogation the UB accused her husband of being the person who most incited the crew not to return to Poland. They entreated her to use her influence with her husband to entice him to return, with the assurance that "even if he returned spy to Poland not a hair of his head would be touched." 25X1
4. Members of the crew who returned to Poland were sent on leave to the health resort at Karpacz. The only one not sent was the engine-room assistant who was arrested.
5. [redacted] those who incited the crew to remain in China promised that if they remained abroad their families would join them.
6. [redacted] the members of the crew of the S.S. GOTTFELD who had decided not to return to Poland. The wages, which had up to then been paid to the families of these men, were accordingly stopped, and the families are kept under strict observation by the security authorities. Observation includes, among others, constant monitoring of their telephones. Individual families have no opportunity of talking among themselves even on the telephone, for as soon as they get a telephone connection they are immediately cut off. 25X1

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